THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES AND AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES (SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE): (a) Targets under the Prime Minister's Rozgar Yojana (PMRY), for Bihar, during the last three years 2000-2001, 1999-2000 and 1998-99 were 21900, 21800 and 20500 cases, respectively.

(b) As reported by the Reserve Bank of India, the number of beneficiaries sanctioned loans under PMRY, in Bihar, during the years 1998-1999, 1999-2000 and 2001 are 10852, 10382 and 10491, respectively.

Deterioration of Small-Scale Industries

†614. SHRI BALKAVI BAIRAGI : Will the Minister of SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES AND AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that condition of the small scale industries is being deteriorated despite Government's claim to the contrary;

(b) whether it is also a fact that red-tapism and new economic policy are being held responsible for this condition; and

(c) if so, the details of the action taken by Government to protect the small scale industries from this poor condition?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES AND AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES (SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Question doesn't arise in view of (a) above.

(c) The Government has announced a comprehensive policy package to strengthen the small scale sector enhance its competitiveness both domestically and globally. The policy package provides for easier access to credit, availability of collateral free composite loan upto Rs. 25.00 lakhs, capital subsidy for technology upgradation and improved infrastructure.

Dereservation of items from SSI List

615. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI : Will the Minister of SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES AND AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.